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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated 10/27/2005 the please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.